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Comments Requested on Test Data Submitted by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Regarding Potential Interference from Ultra-Wideband Transmission Systems (ET Docket No. 98-153)

On January 18, 2001, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) released two reports containing analyses of data it collected regarding the potential for ultra-wideband (UWB) transmission systems to cause harmful interference to U.S. Government radio operations between 400 MHz and 6000 MHz. These reports are entitled "Assessment of Compatibility between Ultrawideband Devices and Selected Federal Systems," NTIA Special Publication 01-43, and "The Temporal and Spectral Characteristics of Ultrawideband Signals," NTIA Report 01-383. Copies of these documents can be found on the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) at www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html and on NTIA's web sites at www.ntia.doc.gov/osmhome/reports/uwb/uwb.pdf and www.its.bldrdoc.gov/pub/ntia-rpt/o1-383/, respectively.

Comments on these NTIA reports shall be filed by no later than February 23, 2001. Replies to the comments shall be filed no later than March 12, 2001. Comments and replies are to be filed with the Commission following the same procedures applicable to the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* in this proceeding, ET Docket No. 98-153. Paper copies may be filed with the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. Electronic copies may be filed at www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html. The full text of these reports, along with comments and reply comments, will be available on the ECFS and at the FCC Reference Center, Room TW-A306, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

We note that these reports do not encompass study of potential interference to Global Positioning Systems (GPS). NTIA and other parties have indicated that further test data and analyses of UWB to GPS interference will be submitted to the Commission in the near future. We will issue a Public Notice seeking comment on those reports when they have been filed with the Commission.

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